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been proved fallacious. Up to the present time no treatment has been found by which really aggravated cases of plague can be cured. The only way to stop its ravages appears to be for residents of infected houses to go away, and this has resulted in spreading the disease to many populous centers outside of Bombay.

Population last census (1891).....	821,764
Number of deaths corresponding week previous year.....	491
Mean of corresponding weeks preceding five years.....	484
Estimated present population, allowing that 396,764 persons have left the city..	425,000
On this basis the number of deaths, at rate of previous five years, should have been.....	250
Total number of deaths reported for week ended January 5, 1897, from all causes	1,711
Total number of deaths reported for week ended January 12, 1897, from all causes.....	1,638
Decrease in number of deaths from previous week.....	73
Average decrease per day.....	10
Number of deaths from plague for week officially reported	335
Average per day	48
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Estimated actual number of deaths from plague for the week—	
Total number of deaths for the week as above.....	1,638
Deduct proportionate number on estimated present population based on mortality of previous five years.....	250
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Number of deaths for week that may be attributed to plague.....	1,388
Average per day.....	198
Annual rate of mortality per 1,000 of population, exclusive of stillborn, officially reported.....	102.06
Annual rate of mortality per 1,000 of population, exclusive of stillborn, based on present population, about.....	200

S. COMFORT,
United States Consul.

Plague officially declared to exist at Karachi.

KARACHI, *January 7, 1897.*

SIR: Agreeably to section 333 of the Consular Regulations, I herewith beg to forward copy of a letter of 5th instant, received by me this day, from the health officer, Karachi municipality.

No consignments of produce have been shipped from here to the United States between the 19th ultimo and date.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

W. FLOWERS HAMILTON,
United States Consular Agent.

[Copy of letter No. 47, of January 3, 1897, from Dr. S. M. Kaka, D. P. H. (London), F. C. S. and C., health officer, Karachi municipality, Karachi, to W. F. Hamilton, Esq., United States consular agent, Karachi.]

With reference to your letter dated January 2, 1897, I have the honor to inform you that bubonic plague was officially declared to have broken out at Karachi on December 19, 1896.

JAPAN.

Report of prevalence of infectious diseases.

YOKOHAMA, *January 18, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period December 30, 1896, to January 18, 1897. In so doing, I would call your attention to the increased

prevalence of variola. The present is the worst epidemic of this disease that has occurred in Japan for many years, and is, there is every reason to fear, chiefly due to the mistaken policy of the Government in transferring, for some years, the vaccine farms to private hands, a system now abandoned.

I have no reports of any further appearance of plague in Formosa, and, as the quarantine against shipping from that island was discontinued on January 12, it is probably extinct for the present.

All steerage passengers for the United States, coming from districts infected by smallpox, are duly disinfected, with their effects, and vaccinated before sailing; those for Honolulu are, without exception, quarantined in addition for five full days in each case, in accordance with the regulations of the respective countries.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Report of infectious diseases in Japan from December 30, 1896, to January 13, 1897.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....			4	4	52	14
Osaka Fu.....					94	13
Tokyo Fu.....	3	3			2,045	76
Aichi Ken.....			1	5	1	
Akita Ken.....			7	7		
Awomori Ken.....			2	1	6	
Chiba Ken.....					36	7
Fukui Ken.....			1	1	18	7
Fukuoka Ken.....					71	22
Fukushima Ken.....					4	
Gifu Ken.....						
Gumma Ken.....			3	1	1	1
Hiogo Ken.....			4	3	332	183
Hiroshima Ken.....						
Ibaraki Ken.....			1	1	100	14
Ishikawa Ken.....					13	1
Iwate Ken.....				1	1	
Kagawa Ken.....					3	1
Kagoshima Ken.....						
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama).....	2	2	21	12	46	12
Kochi Ken.....			1		9	3
Kumamoto Ken.....						
Miyagi Ken.....				1	24	4
Miyazaki Ken.....						
Miye Ken.....			19	6		
Nagano Ken.....					9	1
Nagasaki Ken.....			17	7	1	1
Nara Ken.....			1		22	4
Niigata Ken.....						
Oita Ken.....			2		8	1
Oyama Ken.....			6	6	52	15
Okinawa Ken.....					53	15
Saga Ken.....					13	4
Saitama Ken.....			10	6	154	34
Shidzuoka Ken.....			1		7	
Shiga Ken.....			1	1	4	
Shimane Ken.....			1	4	13	11
Tochigi Ken.....						
Tokushima Ken.....					48	13
Tottori Ken.....						
Toyama Ken.....			2		8	
Wakayama Ken.....						
Yamagata Ken.....					3	
Yamaguchi Ken.....						
Yamanashi Ken.....			4	7		
Yehime Ken.....			9	3	23	8
The Hokkaido.....			1	1	23	7
Taiwan (Formosa).....						
Totals.....	5	5	109	78	3,349	472